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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
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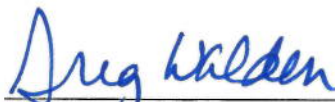
Dear President Trump:

We write to urge you to prioritize the nomination of highly qualified, experienced candidates to fill the existing vacancies at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

As a result of Commissioner Norman Bay's resignation on February 3, 2017, FERC is without a quorum, which significantly limits its ability to perform its statutory mission regulating the interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas, and oil. Without a quorum, major FERC decisions are stalled, including those involving the licensing of interstate natural gas pipelines, liquefied natural gas terminals, and hydropower projects. Moreover, FERC's ability to protect consumers, review rate filings, review corporate transactions, monitor energy markets, and enforce regulatory requirements are also adversely impacted by the lack of the quorum.

We urge you to swiftly nominate commissioners to FERC so that it may execute the authorities granted by Congress and fulfill its mission to assist consumers in obtaining reliable, efficient and sustainable energy services at a reasonable cost through appropriate regulatory and market means.

Sincerely,



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